Model Farmer Scheme

2684. SHRI DATTATRAYA BAHDARU:
SHRIMATI MAHENDRA KUMARI:
SHRI CHETAN P.S. CHAUHAN:
SHRI ANNA JOSHI:
SHRI CHITTA BASU:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have finalised the Model Farmer Scheme as suggested by the Bhanu Pratap Singh Committee;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which the scheme is proposed to be launched; and

(d) the decision taken on other recommendations of the Committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (d). The recommendations of the Committe are being examined in depth in consulation with otherconcerned Ministries/Departments of Governemnt of India.

Espionage by Pakistani Nationls

2685. SHRI DATTARTRAYA BANDARU:
SHRI BALRAJ PASSI:
SHRIMATI MAHENDRA KUMARI:
SHRI ANNA JOSHI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of espionage by Pakistani nationals which came to notice during the last six months;

(b) the numberr of persons arrested in this connection; and

(c) the action taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS: (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (c). The requisite information is being collected and will e laid on the Table of the House.

National Seeds Corporation

2686. SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tata Consultancy Services appointed by the Government to go into the working of the National Seeds Corporation has submitted its final recommendations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the follow-up action taken thereon; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to fill up the back log of reserved vacancies for SCs/STs in all the categories in this Corporation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The major recommendations of the study report relate to:

(i) increased production and marketing;

(ii) revision in product mix.

(iii) adjustinjg staff levels to match the revised production and marketing activities;

(iv) writing off of accumulated losses to improve debt; equity ratio.

(c) Funds are being released to undertake the actions as detailed above.

(d) As the Corporation is currently facing financial stringency, recruitment is being made.

[*Translation*]

Recruitment of SCs/STs

2687. SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes recruited by his Ministry under the special recruitment drives during the last six months category-wise;

(b) the number of reserved post lying vacant at present, category-wise; and

(c) the steps taken to fill up the vacancies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS: (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (c). The special recruitment drive for clearing the backlog of vacancies reserved for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes was launched as per Deptt. of Personnel and Training's instruction dated 25.10.91. As per this, assessment of vacancies and sending requisitions to UPSC etc. was to be cmpleted by 1.12.91. A statement indicating the number of vacancies filled up during the drive (as o 20.2.92) and those yet to be filled up is enclosed. In the case of the latter all steps including sending of requistions to Union Public Service Commission/Staff Selection Commission/Employment Exchanges, release of advertisemnts in the newspapers etc. have already been completed.